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Topic: Good font just a *little* smaller than Times New Roman? (Read 23142 times)

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Posts: 80



Good font just a *little* smaller than Times New Roman?

« on: August 28, 2007, 12:37:14 PM »

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yellowtractor

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Re: Good font just a *little* smaller than Times New Roman?

« Reply #1 on: August 28, 2007, 12:53:58 PM »

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You can always reduce the pitch, of course.

If your guidelines stipulate that the type be 12-point, try Garamond. It is a slenderer font with less kerning (space between letters) and will usually reduce the page count nicely. At the same time, it's accepted by most editors as a reasonably "professional" font (i.e., not weird or flashy).

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Quote from: aandsdean on September 05, 2012, 09:44:00 PM

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seniorscholar

Distinguished Senior Member



Posts: 5,741



Re: Good font just a *little* smaller than Times New Roman?

« **Reply #2 on:** August 28, 2007, 01:15:15 PM »

Look, the reason there's a page limit is that the journal/editor/whoever has the space for a certain number of pages **in the font they use to publish** and will therefore figure out your dodge and turn it down or send it back or (if they don't catch on) reject it once it's typeset and they realize the extra pages will make the book more expensive.

Looking for a smaller font to print something for which you're given a page limit is the same trick used by undergrads who supply 2" margins triple-spaced to give you a ten page paper – and the editor appreciates it just about as much as you do when an undergrad pulls this in your class.

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Re: Good font just a *little* smaller than Times New Roman?

« **Reply #3 on:** August 28, 2007, 01:19:06 PM »

I'm with seniorscholar on this one. Edit your manuscript to fit the requirements. Surely anyone can shorten a manuscript by a few lines if that's all that's needed. Edit! You *can* do it!

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scotia

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Posts: 6,632



Re: Good font just a *little* smaller than Times New Roman?

« **Reply #4 on:** August 28, 2007, 02:24:48 PM »

I have an eyesight problem and get very irritated when authors mess with fonts and pitch to try and get round page limits - it can make the difference between manuscripts being moderately readable and not worth the effort.

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helpful

Distinguished Senior Member



Re: Good font just a *little* smaller than Times New Roman?

« **Reply #5 on:** August 28, 2007, 02:27:33 PM »

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Just do what I do. I look for short lines (under half the line length) at the end of a paragraph and try my darndnest to tighten up the writing in that paragraph. I invariably find enough paragraphs to do this in, and presto the paper is shorter!

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appleaddict
Senior member
★★★★★
Posts: 508



Re: Good font just a *little* smaller than Times New Roman?

« **Reply #6 on:** August 28, 2007, 02:59:21 PM »

I second all of the other recommendations. But I loooove Garamond!

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Re: Good font just a *little* smaller than Times New Roman?

« **Reply #7 on:** August 28, 2007, 03:03:03 PM »

Quote from: scotia on August 28, 2007, 02:24:48 PM

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This is indeed always the risk. I work part-time as an editor, and I also have trouble focusing on 10-point type or goofy fonts. Anything beyond standard 12-point Times New Roman is going to stand out. At least in my field, though, Courier and Garamond are almost as common as Times New Roman--and Garamond should, owing to the kerning, accomplish what the OP wants.

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Re: Good font just a *little* smaller than Times New Roman?

« **Reply #8 on:** August 28, 2007, 03:34:41 PM »

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I will also try to cut some stuff out of the paragraphs that end in short lines. I appreciate the tip. This is a pretty short proposal, so it doesn't have a bunch of excess stuff in it, but I'm getting out the scissors...

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Junior member
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Posts: 80



Re: Good font just a *little* smaller than Times New Roman?

« **Reply #9 on:** August 28, 2007, 03:38:12 PM »

Update: Switching to Garamond worked like a charm, but I'm still going to try cutting too.

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**Re: Good font just a *little* smaller than Times New Roman?**


« **Reply #10 on:** August 28, 2007, 03:43:31 PM »

Quote from: irdoc on August 28, 2007, 03:38:12 PM

Update: Switching to Garamond worked like a charm, but I'm still going to try cutting too.

Double yea!

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**Re: Good font just a *little* smaller than Times New Roman?**

« **Reply #11 on:** August 28, 2007, 03:44:52 PM »

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**Re: Good font just a *little* smaller than Times New Roman?**

« **Reply #12 on:** August 28, 2007, 04:03:30 PM »

Quote from: case_insensitive on August 28, 2007, 03:44:52 PM

scalpel!

:o)

Of course! ;)

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dr_strangelove
Distinguished Senior Member
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Posts: 1,590

Get me my shoes.



Re: Good font just a *little* smaller than Times New Roman?
« **Reply #13 on:** August 29, 2007, 10:46:55 AM »

Quote from: irdoc on August 28, 2007, 03:34:41 PM

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Coincidentally, I just got a notice from the NSF regarding acceptable fonts in future proposals. From the new guidelines:

Use of only the approved typefaces identified below, a black font color, and a font size of 10 points or larger must be used:

- For Windows users: Arial, Helvetica, Palatino Linotype, or Georgia*
- For Macintosh users: Arial, Helvetica, Palatino, or Georgia*
- For TeX users: Computer Modern*

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Re: Good font just a *little* smaller than Times New Roman?
« **Reply #14 on:** August 29, 2007, 10:51:38 AM »

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